

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2010 in which claims 7 and 12 were rejected, claims 8-11 were objected to, and claims 13, 15-17, and 29-31 were allowed.

With this response, independent claim 7 is amended to require said control unit including movable elements, each movable element movable with respect to each other movable element into at least said cuff inflating and liquid transferring positions. Support for the language of amended independent claim 7 is located throughout the application, for example at least in Figures 2a, 2b, 3a-3e and the portion of the specification corresponding to these figures.

Massalsky does not teach or suggest a control unit including movable elements, each movable element movable with respect to each other movable element. For example, the Examiner interprets Massalsky to provide a control unit h, where control unit h provides a first disc h, a second disc r, and an intermediate disc q. However, as shown in Figure 3 of Massalsky, part h is a fixed housing into which is formed channels m and o, and part h (control unit h or first disc h) is not movable and is not movable with respect to each other movable disc (e.g, disc r and disc q). Consequently, Massalsky does not teach or suggest, or render obvious, amended independent claim 7.

Claim 12 further defines patentably distinct amended independent claim 7.

Thus, it is believed that claims 7 and 12 provide patentable subject matter over the cited references such that all claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance for pending claims 7-13, 15-17, and 29-31 is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner determines that there remain issues outstanding that would preclude the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.

No fees are due at this time. However, the office is authorized to charge any fees actually due and credit any overpayment to deposit account 50-4439.

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